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Obviously, I think this was a huge missed opportunity for the DNC to hold the convention in a swing state that's in the heartland of swing states. But as our St. Louis Cardinals will tell you – if you want to win the World Series, you have to put everything you have into making it into the playoffs. We did that.

I hope that when we get past the disappointment, St. Louis recognizes what we accomplished. We proved that when we work together and really focus our collective talent and energy, we can compete with anyone, anywhere. That's a lesson we can – and must – apply to every goal we set for ourselves as a region.

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